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"We never lose anything by loyalty to the interests we serve. Loyalty is a solemn obligation every man owes his employer. It not only raises his own standard of manhood, but it elevates the esteem with which he is regarded by others. Practically every successful man has been loyal; for, indeed, who are not have ever made even a commonplace mark in life, and none has ever succeeded in commanding the respect of his fellowmen."—Benjamin F. Bush.

TAFT AT HEALTH CONGRESS

Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, president of the territorial board of health, who was sent by Hawaii to attend the fifteenth annual congress of hygiene and demography, at Washington, D. C., is having a notable experience. Progressive work and legislation for health has been advocated in a number of important addresses. The advantages for Hawaii from representation at this congress will be fully realized, it is certain, by Dr. Pratt's attendance.

Perhaps the most advanced idea put forward is that for a national bureau of health, the plans for which have been indorsed by President Taft.

"We need to develop under governmental auspices a bureau or a department in which the funds of the government shall be expended for research of every kind, useful in the practice and enforcement of hygiene and preventive medicine," said the president in delivering his address of welcome to the delegates.

"That something of this sort may grow out of the present United States public health service there is reason to believe," continued the president, "but it will need far greater appropriations, and a widening of the scope of duties before it shall fulfil the place the medical profession of this country has a right to expect the general government to create in the progress of hygiene and demography."

IN NICARAGUA

It has been long since Uncle Sam's men met an enemy on foreign soil and engaged in a pitched battle, and Saturday's fight in Nicaragua, while inconsiderable in the number of men lost by the forces under Southerland, is an important affair.

The right of the United States to send forces to Nicaragua is perfectly clear,—so clear that not one of the big powers is likely even to question it. The rebel armies under Gen. Zeladon and Gen. Mena—the former secretary of war and real revolutionary leader—joined in a note of defiance to Admiral Southerland, announcing their purpose to oppose his advance. Southerland was under orders from Washington to open the railroad south from Managua, the capital, and to relieve the terrible suffering in southern Nicaragua, where thousands were in a state of starvation.

Having exhausted every peaceful means to open the railroad and relieve Granada, Southerland had no alternative but to resort to military force. Once started, it was necessary for him to cut his way through the opposing rebel army.

Uncle Sam's moral right to protect American property is unquestioned. The rebels have not only seized American plantations, but have confiscated American steamers on Lake Nicaragua to be used as transportation for their troops and for bombarding lake towns. Furthermore, Nicaragua is well settled with Europeans of many nations and America's Monroe doctrine compels Uncle Sam to put a stop to a revolution that if unchecked would demand the landing of European forces on the continent protected by this doctrine.

Washington wishes only to put down a silly and disastrous internal rebellion. Uncle Sam has no designs on Nicaragua and the American troops will be withdrawn when the rebels have laid down their arms.

PURCHASING PRESIDENCIES

The people of the country are not likely to take seriously J. Pierpont Morgan's statement that he expected nothing from the national administration in return for contributions of \$100,000 at a throw.

Nor are they likely to be credulous enough to believe that William Flinn, notorious Pittsburg boss, and George W. Perkins, the Wall street handy man, are tossing fortunes into Roosevelt's campaign just for fun.

Nor are they likely to believe that Charles

D. Hilles, chairman of the Republican national committee, can make a door-to-door canvass of Wall street, hat in hand, and get that hat gladly filled from the pockets of men whose trusts may be attacked by Taft's attorney-general.

It is asking more than ordinary credulity can stand to expect the people to believe that these huge campaign funds are given without some kind of assurances in return. The Taft campaign coffers are filled, it is safe to say, by American manufacturers and financiers who are in sympathy with his tariff attitude, and who have profited under the tariff law that he called "indefensible" but has kept in force by refusing to sign any tariff revision measures until his own board has made an adequate report. Taft's course has been a hard one. He has stuck to this announced program for tariff revision at the loss of political prestige.

The whole subject of campaign treasuries filled by "big business" is distasteful to the high-minded men of all parties. May the time come when the popular-subscription plan, where the people of a nation send in their dollars, as Democrats are now doing for Wilson, entirely supplant the pernicious practice of mulcting corporations who will grow fat on a slight stretching of the law in their favor.

If Ambassador Reid retires, there will be a chance for C. R. Crane, the Chicago millionaire, who was a diplomat once for about a minute. That was in 1909, and Taft yanked him back before he had even accumulated a respectable bunch of labels on his traveling trunks. Crane was so irritated that he has joined both the Democratic and Progressive parties—to the extent of contributing to the campaign funds of each. Crane intends to be a diplomat in spite of Taft, and it would appeal to him as sweet revenge if, after having been decapitated by Taft as minister to China, he should land the premier berth at the Court of St. James.

"Solid Kauai" apparently is going to bring down another bunch of united Republicans to the next legislature. When George Fairchild went to the Philippines and Dr. George Huddy to Hilo the veteran Kauai contingent was somewhat shaken. At the recent county convention, Representative Charley Rice was nominated for the senate, to fill the Fairchild vacancy, and Rufus P. Spalding and J. K. Lota were named for the two house seats. Both are capable men. Jack Coney and Billy Sheldon, two of the old-timers, are renominated.

Robert Parker Waipa, Republican candidate for sheriff is making it a real race. He is gaining votes every day and the responsible element in the business community is beginning to understand that the present police department is in great need of a change of heads.

Why worry over campaign yarns? The main thing to do is to see that the men elected to office in November will not be dead weights around the neck of progressive, efficient administration.

Having weathered the recent New Jersey primaries and beaten his arch enemy Jim Smith, Gov. Wilson finds it no trouble at all now to sleep through little disturbances like train wrecks.

Now that the world's series is on, Gen. Orozco and Mahmoud Sheket Pasha will have to step out of the limelight to make way for Joe Wood, Christy Mathewson and Rube Marquard.

Half a dozen picayune kingdoms battling in the Balkans doesn't create one-tenth the excitement of a few hundred Americans chasing barefooted Nicaraguans through the jungle.

The Sultan of Turkey, who says that Allah will not permit his fatherland to be trampled upon, should remember that Allah is on the side with the heaviest battalions.

If the big powers are still intent on loaning \$50,000,000, they might give Turkey a chance now.

What to do with New York's criminals is being solved by the gun-men themselves.

Our idea of an optimist is either William Jennings Bryan or Sir Thomas Lipton.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

NEED FOR A NEW SHERIFF

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—Your recent editorial touching on the conditions that obtain in the sheriff's office of this city and county is a composite echo of the sentiments of a good many people of Honolulu, and it is the opinion of the writer that Honolulu is due for a change in that office.

I am not going to make the prediction that there will be a lot of surprised people in the sheriff's office after the votes are counted at the coming election, for, being a student of the situation, I believe everyone connected with that office is shading his eyes from the handwriting on the wall.

There is nothing so good for the betterment of a city as a change of officials occasionally, and when an official gets so saturated with the idea that the Creator's overcoat won't make a vest for him when it comes to administering a sheriff's office, it is time we were handing out a few things.

I myself do not know Captain Parker; never saw him that I know of, still, I have heard of the record he has made so far, and I am sure that he will not establish a record for putting in Sundays on inter-island wharves behind closed gates in no shape to run his office.

Let's try a new sheriff.
NEBUCHADNEZZAR

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

A. E. LARIMER—There is room for a number of students in nearly all the classes of the Y. M. C. A. night school, and it is hoped that all those interested will enroll today or tomorrow, so as to begin work on the opening night.

G. W. PATY—The Good Templars Lodge is in a thrifty condition these days and will initiate twelve new members at the next meeting. Preparations are being made for the temperance play that the lodge is going to give in about three weeks.

PAUL SUPER—Colonel Cox's address at the Bijou Theater last night was one of the most inspiring addresses that has been delivered in Honolulu in many a day. She is a woman of culture and a speaker of great power, and held her audience throughout her address.

PERSONALITIES

MRS. F. W. TAYLOR of Denver is making a tour of the islands.

A. BLOM leaves for the coast Wednesday on the Wilhelmina on an extensive buying trip.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH SMITH of Melbourne are registered at the Moana. They are making a short visit in the city.

J. W. CAUSTON of London is making a stop-over in Honolulu. Mr. Causton will leave in a short time for the coast.

GEORGE ROENITZ, clerk to Admiral Cowles, U. S. N., leaves for the coast on the transport Sherman for a three weeks' visit.

MR. AND MRS. ERIC KNUDSEN and family will move to their lowland home Oct. 15 after having spent three months in their mountain home. They entertained many house parties during the summer, and their guests derived the benefit of the cool, bracing air.

MISS MAUDE L'ORANGE arrived on the last Mongolia, coming from Europe. She will visit her sister Mrs. Eric Knudsen, on Kauai, for some months and return with the Knudsens when they sail in May with their family for a year's tour of Europe. They will first visit Norway, where the wedding of Mr. Arvid l'Orange to Miss Fredy Juel will take place. Both the l'Oranges and the Juels are numbered among the oldest families of Norway. Miss l'Orange is already charmed with the island life. During her stay in Honolulu a number of affairs were given in her honor.

SOCIAL WORKERS TO SUGGEST LAWS

A meeting of the social and mission workers of the city will be held in the Merchants' Association rooms, 45 Young building, on Thursday evening, October 10, for the purpose of seeing what can be done toward the framing of proper laws in which the workers might be interested, in view of the approaching session of the territorial legislature.

Two years ago the various social and mission workers of Honolulu met to organize a league of social workers. This organization, however, became dormant last year, due very largely to the neglect of called meetings.

"I feel that we are working in splendid isolation," said James A. Rath, head worker of Palama settlement, in letters sent to the various workers throughout the city, "and if we wish to accomplish anything, not only for ourselves, but for the community at large, it behooves us to get together."

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QUEEN STREET WELL PAVED

Proposition to Continue Bitulithic Paving Around to Wharves

Honolulu is gradually acquiring mileage of paved streets, the latest stretch being from Nuuanu to River street. This has been done in bitulithic by the Bitulithic Paving and Concrete Co., Ltd., under the personal direction of its president and manager, Jos. A. Gilman. Its construction is a base of five inches of concrete with a covering of two inches of bitulithic. The contract embraced 10,827 square yards, nearly four-fifths of the area being on Queen street and the remainder bending round through River street to the King street bridge. The price was \$31,000.

Connecting at Nuuanu street with the wood block pavement laid four years ago, this piece of bitulithic places Queen street in a class with the best metropolitan streets anywhere. It is hard and durable, guaranteed by the contractor to sustain the heavy traffic of that thoroughfare, and has just enough "bite" to its surface to prevent the slipping of hoofs and the skidding of auto wheels.

Mr. Gilman has in possession the latest data of bitulithic paving. Up to the end of July there had been laid in the United States 4,500,000 square yards of this kind of street paving. Committees of investigation appointed by many civic and municipal bodies have reported favorably on this road-making material. To keep a bitulithic roadway in presentable appearance, it should be regularly swept and occasionally flushed down with water. This treatment will keep it clean and prevent the dust nuisance.

A proposition is pending with the board of supervisors, to lay bitulithic pavement from the end of the Queen street work at River street around to the Hackfeld wharf, which can be done for approximately \$4500. This short piece of road, together with the part of Queen street just paved, has contributed one of the worst tribulations that both residents and strangers have had to endure in going to and from the steamers at that part of the waterfront. If the additional paving here mentioned be made, the same route will be one of the finest drives in the business section of Honolulu.

If the supervisors put this improvement through, there is a prospect that private enterprise will carry it further. At a meeting of the directors of the Oahu Railway and Land Co., within a few days, will be considered a proposal to continue the pavement from the Hackfeld wharf, if the supervisors carry it that far, to the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.'s dock, at the expense of the railway company. It is not often that two birds come into the range of one stone. The way that the present opportunity of the city brings about. Mr. Gilman says that the pavement can be laid to the Hackfeld wharf inside of three weeks from closing the contract.

FORMER STAR BUILDING HAS NEW OCCUPANTS

Castle & Withington have removed their law office to the second floor of the former Star building. Their library and furniture were being placed there this morning. They have all of the floor excepting the Waikiki-mauka corner, which is occupied by the offices of the J. B. Atherton Estate, Ltd., and Frank C. Atherton and W. J. Forbes.

The J. F. Morgan Co., Ltd., real estate and stock brokers, occupy the greater part of the ground floor of the main building, one corner of the front and the one-story annex in the rear being used for the Star-Bulletin Co.'s bindery.

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